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> Sokhary Chau Mayor

Mr. Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk Office of the City Clerk 375 Merrimack Street, Room # 31 Lowell, MA 01852

**Ref:** 8/22/23 - MOTION by C. Robinson – Refer Response by the City Manager on Superior Court House and Restorative Center to new Ad-Hoc Committee on Property Restoration

Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to Rule 37 of the *Rules of the Lowell City Council*, I am notifying you of the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on the restoration of city properties for the 2022-2023 City Council Term. Kindly inform the chair and members, named in the copy line of this letter, as well as the rest of the Council of the newly established body. Please also note, as this is an ad-hoc committee, that various community members and stakeholders will also be added by myself or the chair, as needed. Those individuals will be notified separately, as the committee begins its work.

Through the creation of this new committee, it is my hope that the Council and the members of the Committee will be able to meet with subject matter experts, including city staff and members of the Lowell community, to evaluate and study the various conditions of properties within the city's real estate portfolio to determine how those properties may meet the various needs of the community, and to determine a pathway towards a productive reuse of the parcels. The Committee will be able to make recommendations to the Council as a whole and through the body, to the Administration for specific action to be taken.

Special events are something that this City Council has strived to promote and by forming this body, we hope the tradition continues.

Sincerely,

Sokhary Chau City Mayor

Cc: City Councilor Corey Robinson, Chair
City Councilor Wayne Jenness, Member
City Councilor Kim Scott, Member
Members of the Lowell City Council
Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager
Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager/ DPD Director